



WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY.
Light northerly winds and mostly fair weather.

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LEGISLATORS IN COMMITTEE AT EARNEST WORK

Short Session to Permit Shaping Up of Many Bills and Resolutions.

House Will Have a Struggle Over Rates of Pay for Translating—Senators Condemn the Bailiff Act—Many Reports.

Work was the order for both houses of the Legislature yesterday, not only during their session, but as well during the afternoon when a half dozen committees got down to hard and effective labor. The Senate was busy with reports on the acceptability of various proposals for appropriations, and the House took up the matter of bills on their first reading as well clearing up such things to a great degree, so that there will be ample work for committees for some time to come.

The only fight in the House was upon the proposal of Fernandez that the prices of translation, proof reading and printing of bills shall be at a higher rate than is being paid. Kumalae was in favor of the rate of seventy-five cents for translating a page, saying that it was necessary that there be a man of talent, presumably and preferably a lawyer, to do the work, as such men alone know the phraseology and are able to turn out bills in proper form.

Harris took up the cudgels for fair rates, he saying that the recognized rate is fifty cents for a page, and to pay any more is purely gratuitous. Finally after he had brought out from Speaker Beckley that before the appointment of committees the price paid was fifty cents, the Speaker suggested that the matter go over so that the Committee on Printing might have a chance to report on it, and this disposition was made.

It has developed as a curious feature of the employees of the House, that the Republican majority of the Committee on Printing, has allowed the employment of J. M. Prendergast, former Home Rule member of the House, as the clerk of this important committee. There has been as well an agreement between Chairman Fernandez and a former Republican member Kumalae, that the translation of the bills shall be done on the basis of Home Rulers getting the patronage when the bills have been introduced by Home Rulers, and Republicans when the bills have origin with members of that party. The predominating end of the introduction business is with the minority, and among the translators, according to the report, for it was impossible yesterday to get a list of those who are on the payroll of the House, is Mrs. Robert W. Wilcox, wife of the late delegate to Congress, and that a late is being held for Wilcox when he returns, which is expected to take place within the coming two weeks.

The Committee on Finance got down to work yesterday afternoon for the first time, and has determined to make the appropriation bill as rapidly as possible. The committee has had prepared a series of tables showing that the passage of the law wiping out the poll, road and school tax will mean the loss of about a quarter of a million a year in revenues to all the islands.

Several of the committees of the House have taken up their work systematically, the clerks named thus far being: Finance, Elgin; Expenditures, Sims; Printing, Prendergast; Public Lands and Judiciary, Mossman; Public Health, Blake. In the Senate, among the clerkships already passed out are Public Lands, Towse; Expenditures, Ables. The expediting of the books in the Auditor's office is now under way, Sims and Ables working over them, and

It is reported that other expert accountants will soon be put to work delving for figures. The County bill was not in evidence yesterday, but the members of the Printing Committee have faith and hope and members of the House are preparing amendments with the expectation that they will be able to offer them soon. In fact one member of the committee said yesterday that he knew positively that the bill would be on the desks of members today.

SECRETARY CARTER HAS NO BOOKS

When business opened in the House the message of Secretary George R. Carter, in response to the resolution of the House, calling upon him to secure copies of the Civil and Penal laws, for the use of the House, charging the same to the Judiciary Department, was read. The secretary said that the edition was exhausted before he took the office and that he had none. Should he secure any he would transmit them. He offered also to advertise for the copies and secure prices for the benefit of the House. Mr. Vida said that he had called upon the secretary, who had told him that it would take five or six weeks to reprint the laws, at a cost of \$1,000 to \$1,200, and that he would suggest that the clerk be authorized to advertise for ten copies, which he thought could be had for \$10 a copy. Paele insisted that every member should have a copy as the Hawaiian version is ambiguous. Fernandez took the same position and the motion of Vida for ten copies was amended by Paele to provide for advertising for thirty copies. The motion was adopted without the amendment.

ADVANCE LICENSE LAWS. The Senate notified the House that it had passed bills to license brewing and sale of malt liquors and to regulate the employment of labor on Public Works and consideration of the measures was taken up, both passing first reading.

BOILERMAKER FOR INSPECTOR. Vida presented a petition from members of the Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders' Union urging that the bill providing for inspection of boilers be amended so that the position of inspector should be filled by a man who had worked as a journeyman.

PETITIONS FOR ROADS AND SCHOOLS. Wright presented a petition from twenty-six voters asking that appropriations be made for repairing road from Napoopoo to Kahauloa, \$300; repairing road from Napoopoo to Honanau, \$400.

Chillingworth presented a memorial from teachers of Maui, in convention at Wailuku in December, praying that control of the schools remain as at present except in municipalities which may be created under the County bill. The memorial was ruled out of order, not being addressed.

Fernandez presented a petition of residents of Ahualoa, Honokaa, setting forth that they have resided there fifteen years, and that though a route for a road was surveyed no thoroughfare has been constructed, and asking that appropriation be made for the road.

WANT CHARGE OF SCHOOLS. Wright submitted the resolutions of the Republican Club of the Seventh Precinct, of the Second District, setting

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COONS ARE AGAIN IN THE TOILS

Police Believe They Have "Short Man."

Brutal Highway Robbery in Moanalua Valley.

Three Negroes Brought in and Not One of Them Had Even a Nickel.

There is good reason to believe that the police have at last got to end of the gang of thugs that has been committing depredations of all sorts in Honolulu for several months past. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth came in possession of information that led to the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Archie Williams, a negro who was arrested some time ago on suspicion of being the "last short man," and of a second negro, on a charge of highway robbery committed on the person of a Chinese in the Moanalua district on the night of March 2nd. It is alleged that Williams and his pal, who is unknown as to his real name but who is called Brady Clemons, chartered a hack and went down into the Moanalua country on a sort of a foraging expedition. The Chinese, whose name is not known to the police, was out on the road with a lantern when the hack ran him down, and the two negroes leaped out of it. Seizing the lantern, one of the thugs beat the Chinese about the head with it so severely that his friends fear a serious result from the injuries inflicted. This was done, apparently, in mere wantonness, for the Chinese had offered no resistance.

Then they relieved him of several dollars in change, and left him in the road, bleeding and unconscious. He staggered to his feet, after a time, and went on to his own house, where medical aid was called, and the next day the police were notified.

Upon this showing of facts, the warrant was issued for Williams and the man known as Clemons. The Deputy Sheriff, however, received information that there was a third man in the gang, a white man, hitherto unknown to the police in this connection, and the officers were told further that the trio had planned a raid for last night, out in the Waikiki country. As it was desired to capture the entire crowd at once, if possible, Chillingworth, with Detectives Renear and McDuffy, went out last night and captured Williams, Clemons, and Charles Russel, all negroes, in a room in Palama. They were taken to the Police Station and on being searched before being put in the cells it was found that Russel did not have either money or other belongings on his person. Williams had a few shirt buttons in his pocket but no coin, and Clemons' only property was a "mouth organ."

MUNICIPAL BILL UNDER DISCUSSION BY COMMISSION

Work upon the Municipal bill, which is to be offered to the Republican majority of the Legislature according to the plans of the Republican convention, was begun in earnest last evening, the draft being read through out and several slight changes advised. In general the measure is one which meets with the views of the Commission, and it is believed that it will be ready for introduction and printing before the end of the week.

The measure of the Commission is one which is along the lines of the resolution of the convention in every way. There is a provision for cities wherever

CARRIAGE CONCERNS COMBINE

Schuman Buys Up Stock of a Rival.

Herrick Company Will Be Absorbed or Liquidated.

Majority of the Stock Changes Hands and Details Will Be Settled Soon.

The control of the C. F. Herrick Carriage Company, which has been a factor in the trade in vehicles in Honolulu for three years, passed yesterday to Gus Schuman. This was accomplished by the purchase of about sixty per cent of the stock for him by the Waterhouse Trust Company, at figures which, while private, are believed to be in the neighborhood of fifty cents on the dollar.

The stock of the Herrick Company is \$15,000, of which \$13,500 has been paid in. There is an authorized issue of \$10,000 additional which has not been taken out as yet, though there was a time yesterday when it seemed probable that in the struggle for the control there would be issue and a taking up of the shares, but this was obviated when a deal was made taking care of the principal members of the minority of the stock.

It is understood that President Isenberg of the Herrick Company, will remain with the company until it has been decided what is to be done as to the future, and in the event that there is to be a consolidation of the two concerns will continue with the Schuman corporation. Other stockholders are in the same position, having decided that in the event of a decision to combine the corporations, they will remain as stockholders rather than to sell their stock at the discount.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Herrick corporation has been called for Saturday morning for the purpose of seeing what is to be done in the matter and at that time there will be a decision whether or not the corporation will merge itself into the Schuman Company, or will proceed to liquidation. In the event of the latter decision the stock will be sold and the affairs wound up as quickly as possible. There are said to be outstanding several notes of the company, which have been endorsed by President Isenberg, and arrangements have been made to take care of these bills, so that there is nothing in the way of a complete settlement of the affairs of the corporation.

It is understood that the absorption of the rival company is due to a belief that the business here does not warrant the existence of so many vehicle corporations, and this change will make possible the increase of business which is expected to come with the spring revival.

THE MOROCCAN INSURGENTS WIN ANOTHER BATTLE

Macedonians Have a Sharp and Bloody Skirmish With the Turks at Vladinerova.

Rumored Illness of the Pope—A Strike Against Plague Precautions—Vancouver's Waterfront Tied Up—English Author Dead.

LONDON, March 4.—A dispatch from Fez states that the rebels have defeated a Moorish army and captured their camp.

English Author Dead.

LONDON, March 4.—John Henry Shorthouse, the novelist, is dead. He was born in Birmingham, England, in 1834 and became a manufacturer of considerable repute. He is well known as the author of "John Inglesant," a tale with a strong Anglo-Catholic Tractarian flavor, and also of "The Little Schoolmaster," "Mark," "Sir Percival," "A Teacher of the Violin," and "Blanche, Lady Falaise."

A Macedonian Skirmish.

SOFIA, March 4.—The Macedonians and Turks have had a sharp engagement near Vladinerovo. Ten insurgents and many Turks were killed.

Kwangsi Pacified.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Consul McWade at Canton cables that the province of Kwangsi has been pacified. Rebels are active in adjoining provinces.

Objects to Plague Precautions.

MAZATLAN, March 4.—A mob at Villa union objects to plague precautions and soldiers have been ordered to protect the health authorities.

Strike on Canadian Pacific.

VANCOUVER, March 4.—There is a serious strike on the Canadian Pacific. The water front is tied up.

Cold Kills Cattle.

TOPEKA, Kas., March 4.—Owing to the extreme cold now prevailing in the Middle West cattle are perishing by thousands.

Illness of the Pope.

ROME, March 4.—It is rumored that the excitement of the jubilee celebration has made the Pope ill.

INTERESTING BITS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SPECIAL TO ADVERTISER

(Associated Press Mail Special.)

BRISTOL (R. I.), February 25.—The new cup yacht is growing rapidly. The upper portion of the stem has been fastened in place. It is cast steel and is attached to the bronze stem underneath, giving the boat her designed outline at the forward end. In many respects this gives the appearance of a spoon bow, but not to a radical degree, owing to the length of the overhang.

The mainmast, which is now completed in the south shop, shows a length which will preclude the possibility of the gaff being too far outboard. This was the case at one time with the mast of the Constitution. The mainmast is being fitted with two sets of spreaders.

NEW YORK SALOONS.

ALBANY (N. Y.), February 25.—District Attorney Jerome of New York appeared before the Senate and Assembly committees yesterday in advocacy of the Jerome bill, permitting sal-

oons in New York to be open between the hours of 1 and 11 p. m. on Sundays. Mr. Jerome said: "Every saloon in New York could be closed on Sunday and kept closed, but it could not be enforced permanently, for the men who enforced it would be swept out of office. The Mayor of New York is prattling about the liberal enforcement of the law, when there is no such thing. You must either enforce a law or not enforce it. We are not a law abiding community, but we could learn to obey a law that we respected."

A STORY FROM PELEE.

NEW YORK, February 25.—Joseph Scabarace, the St. Pierre survivor, who has arrived here tells an interesting story of his experiences at the time of the eruption of Mont Pelee, he being at that time a prisoner. Scabarace says he was placed in jail for slashing a man with a knife. Then he was put in the dungeon for fighting with a prisoner. His story continues: "On the next day it got very warm. I heard the sound of explosions, but it was only thunder. Shrieks and cries

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